

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A compact and maintenance-free image reading apparatus capable of preventing deterioration in image quality due to suspended foreign matter by being provided with a spacer that is mounted on a reading transparent member on a surface thereof opposite the side thereof at which a reading unit is disposed and at a position upstream from an original document reading position relative to an original document conveyance direction, wherein the spacer is configured such that height of a downstream end thereof relative to the original document conveyance direction decreases toward the downstream direction.